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a recommendation from the Petitions Office, Applicants now seek to amend that section as shown above and in Appendix A. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

With regard to Applicants' Petition Under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3) to Accept Late Claim for Priority, the Examiner may be interested to know that the Petitions Office also recommended that Applicants file a supplemental petition based on 37 CFR 1.55(c) as well as on 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3). The Petitions Office further recommended that Applicants file an Application Data Sheet (ADS). Such an ADS has been filed with this Amendment and such a Supplemental Petition has been filed today in the Petitions Office via facsimile. Courtesy copies of this Amendment and the ADS were included with the Supplemental Petition. The courtesy copies were marked NOT FOR FILING and it was explained in the Supplemental Petition that Applicants were filing this Amendment and the ADS in the Clerk's Office by hand.

Applicants believe that no fees are due. However, in the event that any fees are due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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Appendix A

Marked-Up Version of Amended Section of Specification

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a CIP of U.S. Application No. 09/723,316, filed November 28, 2000, which is entitled to the benefit of PCT Application No. PCT/FR99/01973, filed August 11, 1999 [, and French Patent Application No. FR98/10338, filed August 12, 1998].